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Date: 08 MAR 1978 By: **A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS**

None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. File studies and interviews in anticipation of QR&P Panels next week are under way this week. The usual August plethora of panels will occur this month--maybe, thirty.

2. Counseling on academic study of Korean and Soviet affairs has been provided for two persons.

3. Navy/BuPers has requested opportunity to transmit apparently derogatory security information regarding a local commercial language school. C/LAS accepted the invitation and invited SO to participate. Meeting scheduled for 8 August, 0930 hours.

4. C/LAS has ruled that VLTP language classes using will do so at personal expense for travel and subsistence as of 10 August 1958.

5. A surprising uncoordinated interest in has appeared recently--TSS and FE. We have no capability, but are reviewing all possibilities for accepting the challenge if it matures to serious requirements.

6. C/LAS and DC/LT/LAS are planning revision of the paper hastily prepared for discussion in April to meet your commitment to General Cabell as an aid to you for the briefing in November of the DCI on the inadequacies of the Agency's language program.

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TO : Director of Training

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FROM : Deputy Chief, Plans, Research and Administration

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A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. At the request of the JOT Staff, we are arranging to test all 42 of the new JOT's in language proficiency between now and the end of September.
2. Thirty-three people were tested last week in German, French, Portuguese and Russian.
3. One hundred and thirty-two Certification for Language Award certificates were graded and sent to the Registrar during the week of 30 July - 6 August.
4. The Spanish Proficiency Test has been re-edited and is now being reproduced. The next scheduled test is on 14 August.



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FROM : Deputy for Language Training

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A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. The series of lectures at FSI on linguistics and language teaching, which some of our contract instructors have been attending, has been completed. Since it appeared that these lectures - which were aimed at FSI's native speakers and their particular functions, rather than at our instructors, whose functions are considerably different in many instances - had left our people with a number of questions, [] arranged for two meetings here on the days following. At the first of these meetings, [] spoke on the general subject of phonetics, and at the second, [] continued his remarks, and [] spoke on the subject of phonemics. The talks were found to be useful, and [] is planning to institute a regular series of talks on linguistics and language teaching in the fall, to be attended by as many members of the teaching staff as possible.

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2. "The French Educational System" was the subject of an excellent talk in French given by [] of IO to the Full-Time Basic French class. The talk was very well organized and delivered in clear and fluent French. Students participated in the very profitable discussion period that followed.

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3. The nine-month Classical Arabic Reading course, taught by [] has been completed. Six students finished the entire course, which is about 50% of the original enrollment. Of the six, three did outstandingly good jobs and are being encouraged to continue their Arabic studies. For this purpose, and for others of similar present proficiency, [] is offering a Classical Arabic Reading Workshop, beginning in October. Another basic reading course will also begin then.

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25X1 4. For the first time we are offering a daytime course (part-time) in spoken Arabic. The course, to be taught by [] will run in three 20-week phases, beginning 6 October; the dialect is Jerusalem Arabic, which will also serve fairly well in Lebanon and parts of Syria, Jordan, and Egypt. We are being careful to make sure that those responsible in NEA are aware of this course well in advance, and it will be interesting to see what response we receive.

25X1 5. [] has completed his work on the Uzbek Newspaper Reader. It is now in the hands of the artists for the cover design, and will soon be ready for reproduction and binding.

25X1 6. [] the acting NEA Training Officer, and briefed her on the courses in languages of the NEA area which are to be offered in the fall. She said she would send around a notice to all concerned.

25X1 7. [] whom FE is lending to LAS for a year or so, has arrived to take up his duties. He will assist in the Japanese program and will also, if there is such a requirement, organize and present a course in Korean. He will remain in an FE slot.

25X1 8. Mrs. [] a contract employee on the Chinese teaching staff, is now working half of every day in the Graphics shop. This is on the understanding that when our new courses begin in the fall a larger proportion of her time will be required by LAS.

25X1 9. Contact clearance has been received on Mrs. [] the wife of our Persian contract teacher. [] will interview her shortly with a view toward employing her for about three hours a day to assist her husband in the full-time Persian course beginning 2 September.

25X1 10. Miss [] is on loan to LAS from the Pool for an indefinite period. She is helping with our clerical work.

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A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. We are taking another look at the level of need and demand for area training on Latin America, which thus far has been excluded from our program as being beyond our resources. Since Vice President Nixon's trip to that area, several Agency personnel concerned with it have prodded us informally to act. Despite the flatly negative attitude at the December [] conference, of [] WH Executive Officer, we will take new soundings in WH, including either the Chief or his deputy. [] has already approached [] DC/WD/OCI, the senior OCI specialist on the area, who advises flatly that there is a considerable long-term need in WH and elsewhere in the Agency for a regional survey course, to broaden the perspective of country specialists.
2. [] spent 30 July - 1 August at Army Pictorial Center reviewing the rough cut and adjusting the narration of Part III of the "Free Europe" film. He is arranging through USIA contacts to have [] champion of European integration, speak the final lines of this part, which deals with "Steps toward Unity." Final trip to New York, it is hoped, will be made about 10 September. Preview of Parts I and II is set for 1500 hours on 11 August, in [] auditorium.
3. Congresswoman Bolton captivated [] Africa class. By her magnetic graciousness and manifest sincerity, as well as her knowledge of conditions and problems in Africa, the Hon. Mrs. Frances P. Bolton entertained, informed and inspired an unusually alert group. Mrs. Bolton communicated to this group, I think, some of the sense of mission which animates her approach to the problem of U. S. policy vis-a-vis Africa.
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